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Dear John,

I write to follow up on an email message I left for you this morning.

In this respect, yesterday, we filed an application for interpleader and declaratory judgment relief with respect to the U.S. Oil claims. HL instructed us to do so in the wake of U.S. Oil's declination of the security proposal we made earlier this month.

The judge's clerk called and asked us to come up to that hearing today which I think begins at 11:00 and to ask anyone else involved in connection with our claims to do so as well, hence my call and this email. I assume you will be attending as I think you have other matters already before the court but if not, and if your scheduled permits, the court asked you to appear. I am not sure what the status is insofar as OW is concerned but I'll reach out to Holland & Knight to see if they have contact details for anybody from their end, or from ING.

Thanks and regards,

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